PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVE RAIYATS, MERCHANTS AND OTHERS HELD IN MYSORE IN OCTOBER 1904.

MEMORANDUM.

The twenty-first Assembly of Representative Raiyats, Merchants and others was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Office Buildings at Mysore on Friday the 21 October 1904, and the five following days.

2. The Taluk members elected in 1903, under the system of triennial election instituted in 1894, continued to attend this year. Out of a full nominal strength of 278 the actual number of Representatives returned was 266 as particularized below:—

	Representatives returned by 75 Taluks including Sub-Taluks	203
24	Municipalities each representing a population of 5,000 and above.	40
8	Local Boards	16
7	Associations	7
		266

Of these,

9 were Europeans
14 were Mahomedans; and
243 were Hindus.

Arranged according to occupation—

40 were Merchants;
13 were Sowcars;
213 were Land-holders and belonged to other occupations.

3. The actual attendance on the opening day was 168, the attendance at the last assembly being 92.

4. The Representatives assembled at noon on the 21st October. Sir P. N. Krishna Murti, K.C.I.E., the Dewan, presided.

5. There were present the Members of the State Council, the Judges of the Chief Court, the Heads of the various Departments, and other principal officers of the State. The Hon'ble Mr. A. L. P. Tucker, Officiating Resident in Mysore, and other European guests of His Highness the Maharaja also graced the occasion with their presence.

6. The proceedings were opened by the Dewan in an address which passed in review the finances of the State and the working of the various branches of the administration, during the past official year.

7. On behalf of the Assembly, Mr. Graham Anderson, C.I.E., congratulated the Durbar on account of the sustained efforts of His Highness' Government in maintaining every Department of administration in the highest possible state of efficiency and tendered expressions of homage, loyalty and devotion to His Highness coupled with sincere felicitations on the complete recovery of the Yuvaraja from his recent serious illness. Another address was read by Mr. Thomas Richard, on behalf of the Mining Board, which expressed approbation for the interest manifested by Government in the Gold Mining Industry and also offered the Board's sincere congratulations for the recovery of the Yuvaraja from his serious illness.

8. The Kannada translation of the Dewan's address was then read by Mr. B. K. Venkatavarada Iyengar, Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments.

9. The discussions of subjects brought forward by the Representatives lasted till the evening of the 26th idem. A brief summary of these subjects and of the replies of Government thereto is printed in this volume.

10. At the close of the proceedings, on the evening of the 26th October, Messrs. Annaiya Pandit and Gubbi Ramanuja Iyengar expressed thanks for the considerate way in which the members were treated and listened to, both in the Assembly and in the private interviews inaugurated this year by the Dewan, and for the special arrangements made for the comforts of the members during their stay in Mysore. They expressed joy at the encouraging news received about the health of Her Excellency Lady Curzon and concluded by praying for the long life and prosperity of His Highness the Maharaja, the Dewan and the Councillors. The Dewan thanked the members for their disinterested work and expressed a hope that the Representative Assembly might long continue to flourish under the benign care of His Highness the Maharaja.

11. The Assembly then broke up.

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